

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application **PCT/JP2004/005047 filed 7 April 2004**, which designated the U.S. and claims priority to **JP 2003-105431 filed 9 April 2003**, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

*Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 8, line 28, and continuing to page 9, line 7, as follows:*

FIGS. 3A, 3B and 3C show states in which various sheets are discharged to a discharge space, with FIG. 3A showing a state in which sheets that have a discharge direction length shorter than the length of the paper placement surface have been discharged to the discharge space, FIG. 3B showing a state in which sheets that have a discharge direction length slightly longer than the length of the paper placement surface have been discharged to the discharge space, and FIG. 3C showing a state in which sheets, which have a discharge direction length longer than the length of the paper placement surface and have a maximum discharge direction length, have been discharged to the discharge space.

FIG. 4a and Fig. 4b are ~~is~~ outline configurations showing the side wall member and a drive mechanism thereof in a modified example.